ROADS—TRIPPUNITTURA—CONSTRUCTION OF.

96. Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar (*Trippunittura*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) when the construction of the new road connecting the High School Road and the Hill Palace Road in Trippunittura, was started;

(2) what is the distance of the road;

(3) the progress so far made in the construction?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): (1) The construction of a portion of the road was taken up on 14th Karkadagam 1109 and completed on 32nd Karkadagam 1109 and another portion on 28th Edavam 1110 and finished on 15th Karkadagam 1110.

(2) & (3) The distance of the road, when completed, will be 1 furlong and 40 yards. A length of 175 yards has been completed. Sites for the remaining portion have to be acquired for completing the whole length of the road.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar (*Trippunittura*): Does the road lead anywhere now?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): No. It leads nowhere.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar (*Trippunittura*): When does the Government propose to complete the work?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): That is the first work next year. I admit that out of 1 furlong 40 yards, to complete 175 yards and leave 80 yards will be rather improper.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal (*Vadakkancheri*): Was not the question of acquisition considered before the construction of the road was begun?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): When there was a balance of fund, they began the work. After some time it was found that the site has to be acquired. I may assure my hon'ble friend that the road will be completed next year.

AVENUE TREES—PLANTING OF—EXPENDITURE ON.

97. Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon (*Narakkal*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) how long is it since avenue trees were begun to be planted up in Vellarappilly by the Agricultural Department;

(2) how many such trees have so far been successfully planted up;

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